REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application. Newly presented claims are patterned after claims 15-22 and 38 and 39 of the parent case. Applicants submit the newly presented claims do not raise any issues of new matter.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Kathryn M. Kowalchyk (Reg. No. 36,848), at 612.371.5311.

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